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Subcommittee Chairman Trey Gowdy Opening Statement

The purpose of the oversight committee is not necessarily to balance the relative merits or demerits of a

Our duty is to ask fair questions with an expectation of an honest and complete answer on behalf of the

That is why we are here today. Many in this room – including myself – fundamentally oppose the health

The current health care law was marketed to the American people as a means to provide high-quality he

Over the past year, it has become abundantly clear that companies are having trouble complying with th

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The necessity of these waivers arose because many companies employ a health coverage strategy that

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Thus the myth that if you like your current health care you can keep it has been exposed for around 3 m

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Through an amorphous process shrouded in ambiguity and understood by few, the Administration has e

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So our first question today is substantive. In light of over 1000 companies requesting waivers from the b

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Further, the entire waivers process is predicated on the ability of the Secretary to grant waivers in the fir

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What is the legal authority by which the Secretary can grant waivers? Where in the health care law does

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Congress all too often in recent memory has abdicated its law making responsibility to employees or ap

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It is not Congress' job to simply pass big ideas and leave the details to another entity – and it is also not

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However the most important questions today concern the procedural aspects of this highly nebulous pro

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Initially, how were these waivers advertised before a link was placed on the HHS website?

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What was the process by which subsequent waivers were applied for, reviewed, accepted, denied, deter

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The American people expect open and honest answers to these legitimate questions. Waivers to the he

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In order for companies to compete on a level playing field, as is the custom in our country, they must know

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The waivers process, such as it is, lends credence to the conventional wisdom surrounding enactment of

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These are due process, equal protection and fundamental fairness questions that are essential to be answered

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